

Advances in the Therapy of Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia.

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Natural Killer Cell

Fc receptor

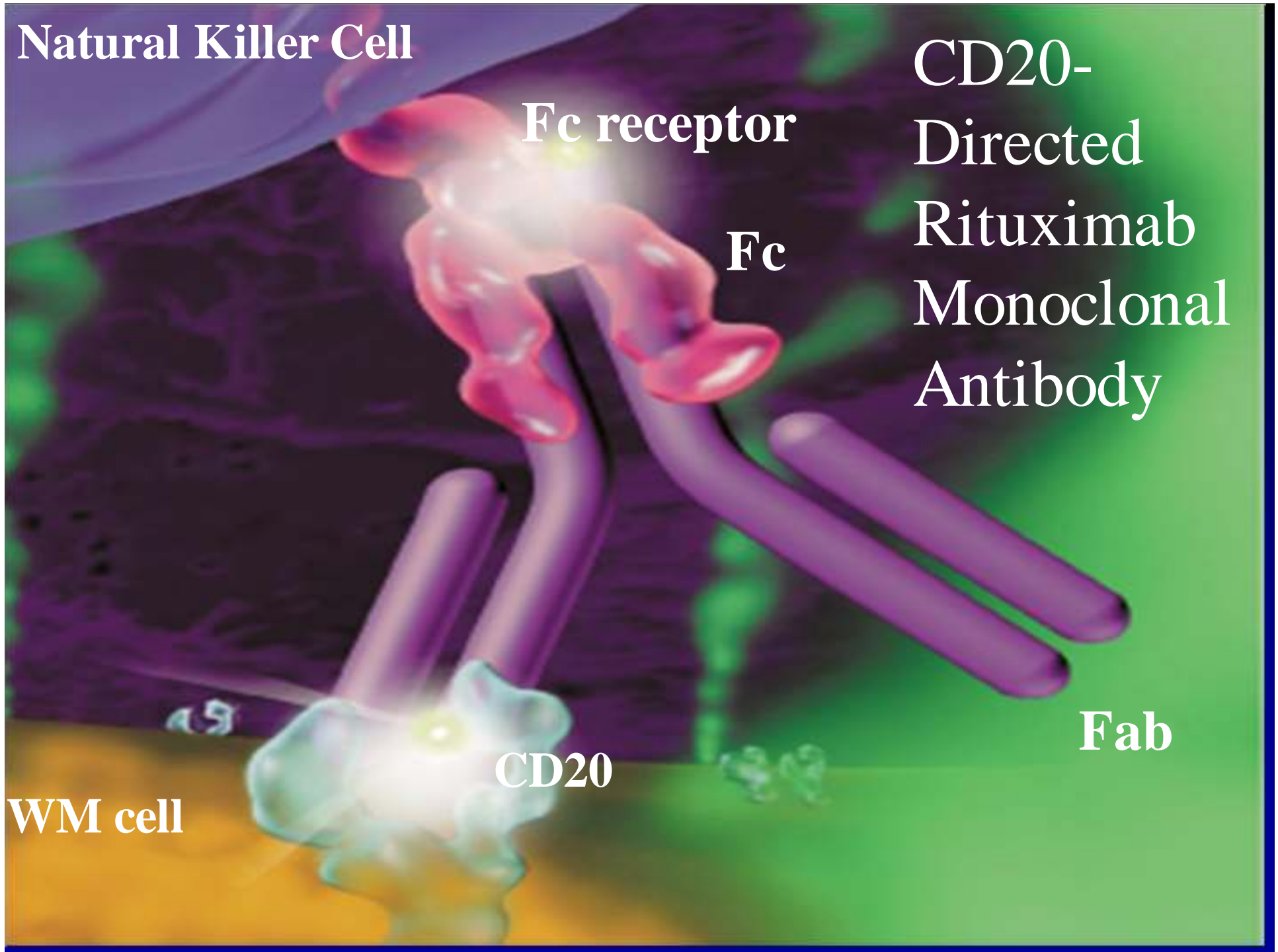
Fc

CD20-
Directed
Rituximab
Monoclonal
Antibody

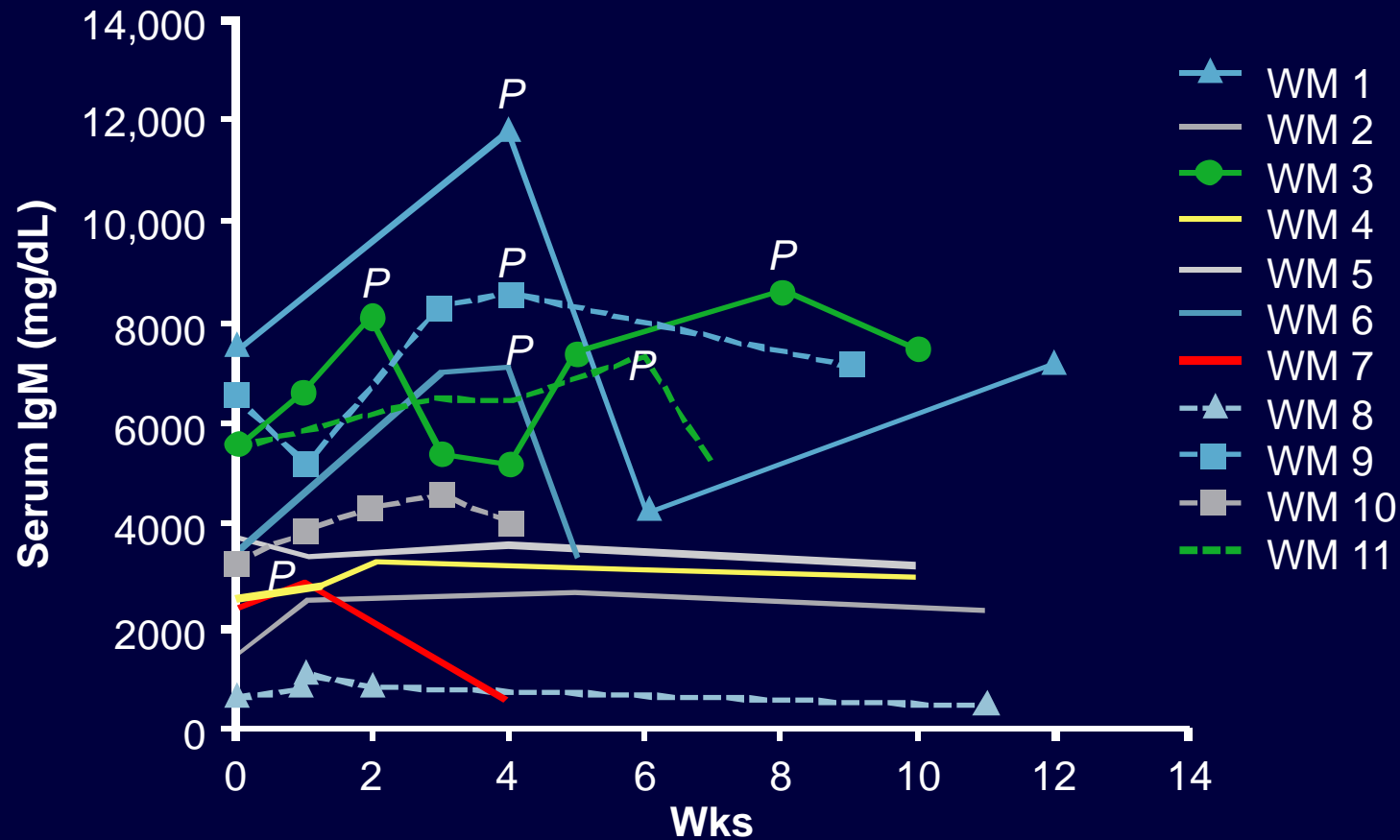
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CD20

WM cell



Serum IgM Levels Following Rituximab in Patients With WM

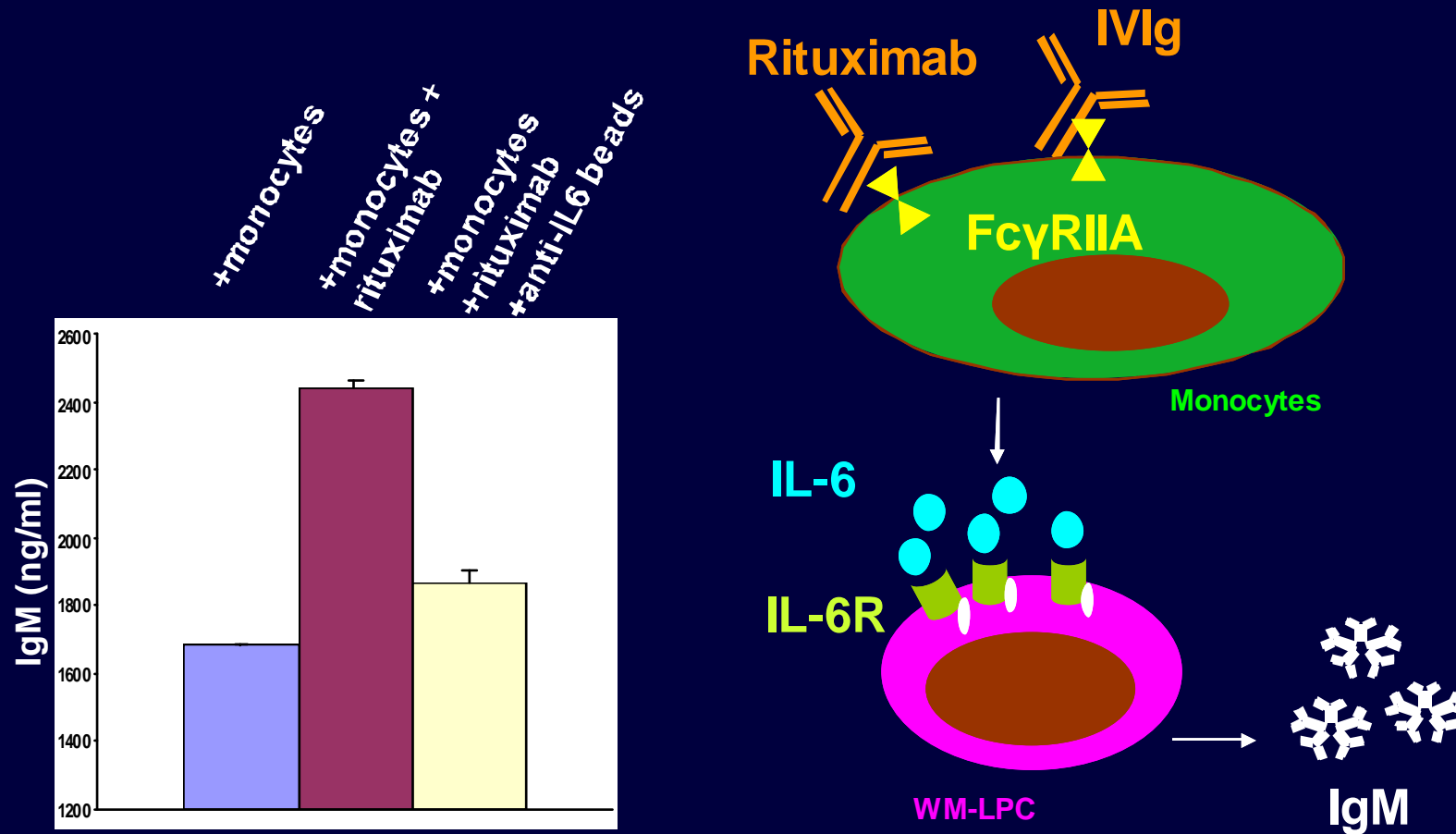


P denotes patient-required plasmapheresis for hyperviscosity.

Rituximab induced IgM flare occurs in patients receiving combination therapy.

- Monotherapy (60%)
- Fludarabine/Rituximab (40%)
- Cyclophosphamide/Rituximab (30%)
- Thalidomide/Rituximab (50%)
- Lenalidomide/Rituximab (75%)
- Bortezomib/Dexamethasone/Rituximab (9%)
- Bortezomib/Rituximab (20%)

Bystander release of IL-6 by Monocytes may account for the Rituximab IgM flare.



Primary Therapy of WM with Rituximab Based Options

Regimen	ORR	CR
Rituximab x 4	25-30%	0%
Rituximab x 8	40-45%	0%
Rituximab/cyclophosphamide i.e. CHOP-R, CVP-R, CPR, RCD	70-80%	8-10%
Rituximab/nucleoside analogues i.e. FR, FCR, CDA-R	70-90%	5-10%
Rituximab/thalidomide	70%	5%
Rituximab/bortezomib i.e. BDR, VR	70-90%	10-25%
Rituximab/bendamustine	90%	NA

Disease transformation and MDS/AML following nucleoside analogues in WM

Study	Population	N=	Median F/U (mo)	Outcome
Leleu et al, JCO 2009	Prev treated with NA vs. non-NA or untreated	439	60	Histological Transformation (8%) MDS/AML (5%)
Tamburini et al, Leukemia 2005	Firstline with Fludara/Cyclo	49	41	Histological Transformation (10%)
Leblond, JCO 1998	Previously treated with Fludara	71	34	Histological Transformation (10%)
Rakkhit et al, ASH 2008	Untreated; 2CDA based therapy	111	NA	Histological Transformation (9%)

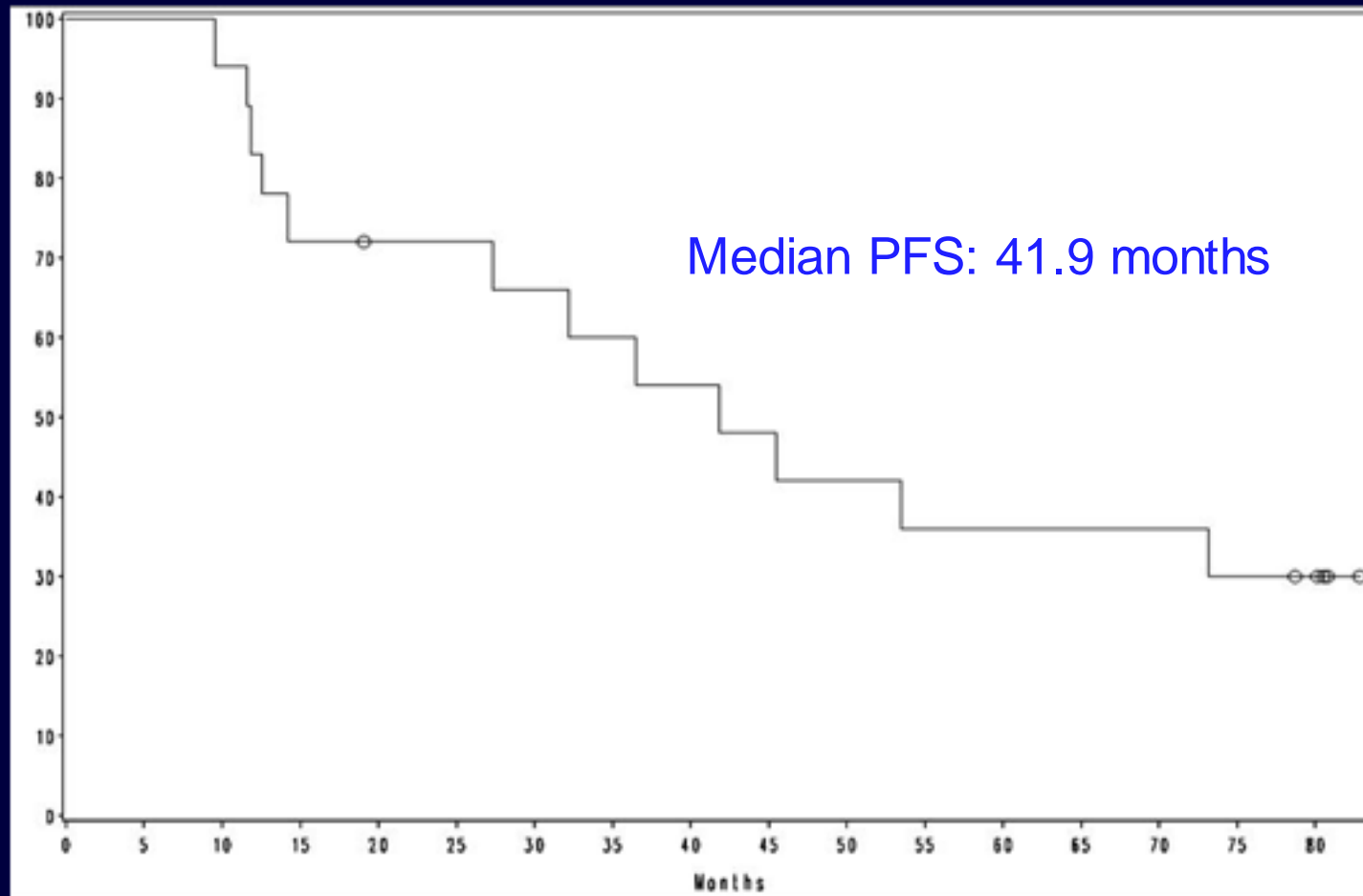


Thalidomide and Rituximab in WM

- N=25
- Thalidomide at 200 mg, increase to 400 mg and 8 infusions (375 mg/m² per week) of rituximab.
- ORR: 72%; CR/VGPR: 4%
- Short-term toxicities included:
Sensory neuropathy (11); resolved grade 1 or less: 10.
Confusion (3), tremors (2), bradycardia (2).
- Dose reduction in all pts. 50-100 mg/day tolerated.



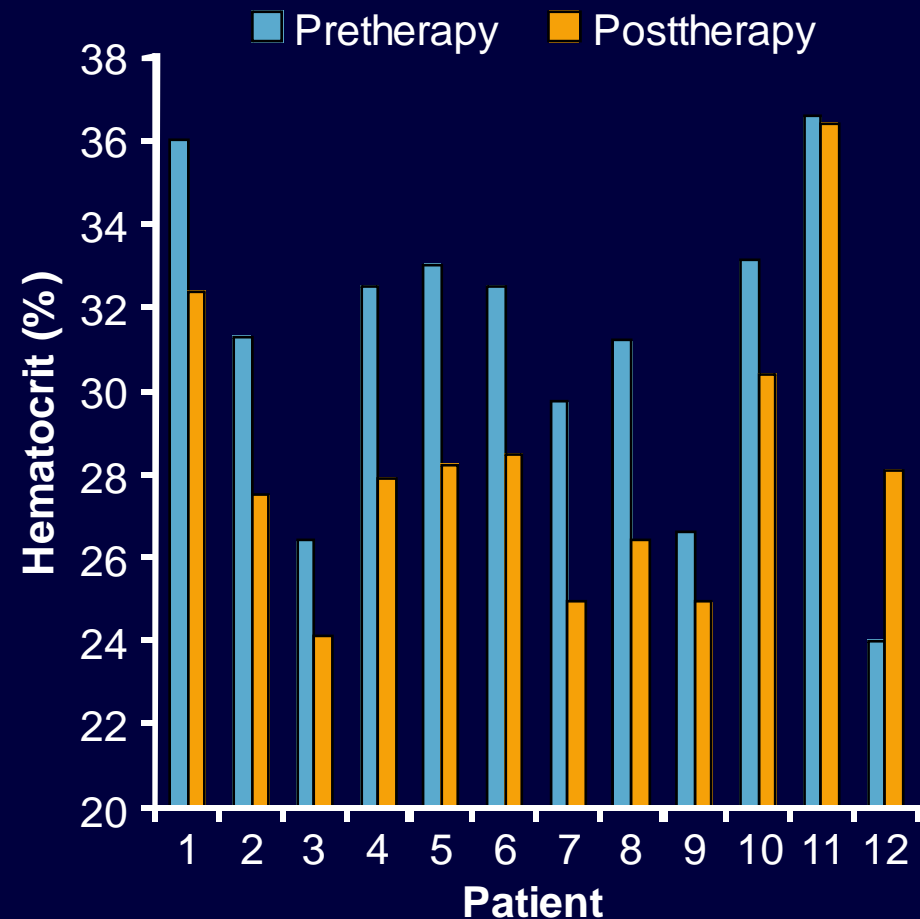
Thalidomide and Rituximab in WM



Median Follow-up: 40.4 months

Lenalidomide (Revlimid)-Induced Anemia in WM

- Decreased Hct observed in 10/12 pts following first week of lenalidomide monotherapy
- Median Hct decrease: 3.9% (31.9% to 28.0%; $P = .003$)
- No evidence for hemolysis; concurrent thrombocytopenia observed in 1 pt
- 4 patients hospitalized for anemia related complications (Afib, syncope, CHF)





Phase I Study of Pomalidomide, Dexamethasone, Rituximab (PDR) in WM.

Pomalidomide	1,2,3,4 mg QD	52 weeks
Dexamethasone	40 mg wkly IV	pre-Rituximab
Rituximab	375 mg/m ² /wk	W1-4; W12-15.

Proteasome Inhibitors



Bortezomib combination therapy in WM

■ Primary

Bortezomib (1.3 mg/m²/biwkly)/Dexamethasone/Rituximab

ORR 95%; CR 22%; TTP >3 yrs; **30% Grade 3 PN**

Bortezomib (1.6 mg/m²/wk)/Rituximab

ORR 92%; CR 8%; 80% 1 Y PFS; **No Grade 3 PN**

■ Salvage

Bortezomib (1.6 mg/m²/wk)/Rituximab

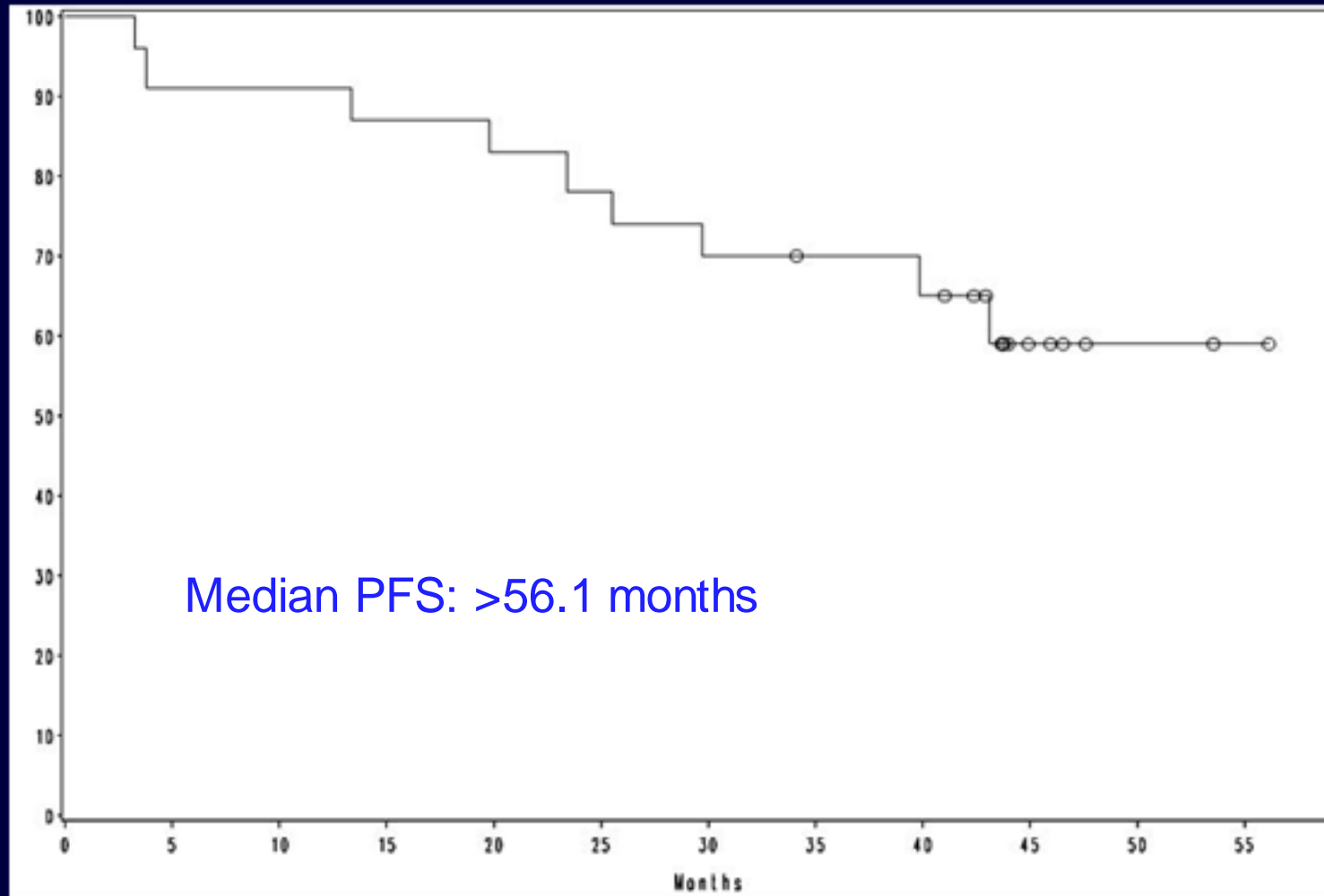
ORR 81%; CR 5%; TTP 12 mos; 5% Grade 3 PN.

Bortezomib (randomized wkly vs. biwkly)/Rituximab

ORR 80%; CR 0%; TTP ?; 0% Grade 3 PN.



Bortezomib, Dexamethasone and Rituximab



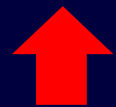
Median Follow-up: 43.3 months

IWWM6, Venice 2010

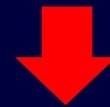
Bortezomib-Based Rituximab Therapy

Twice A Week

Once A Week



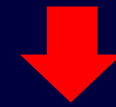
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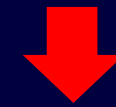
Neuropathy



PFS (?)

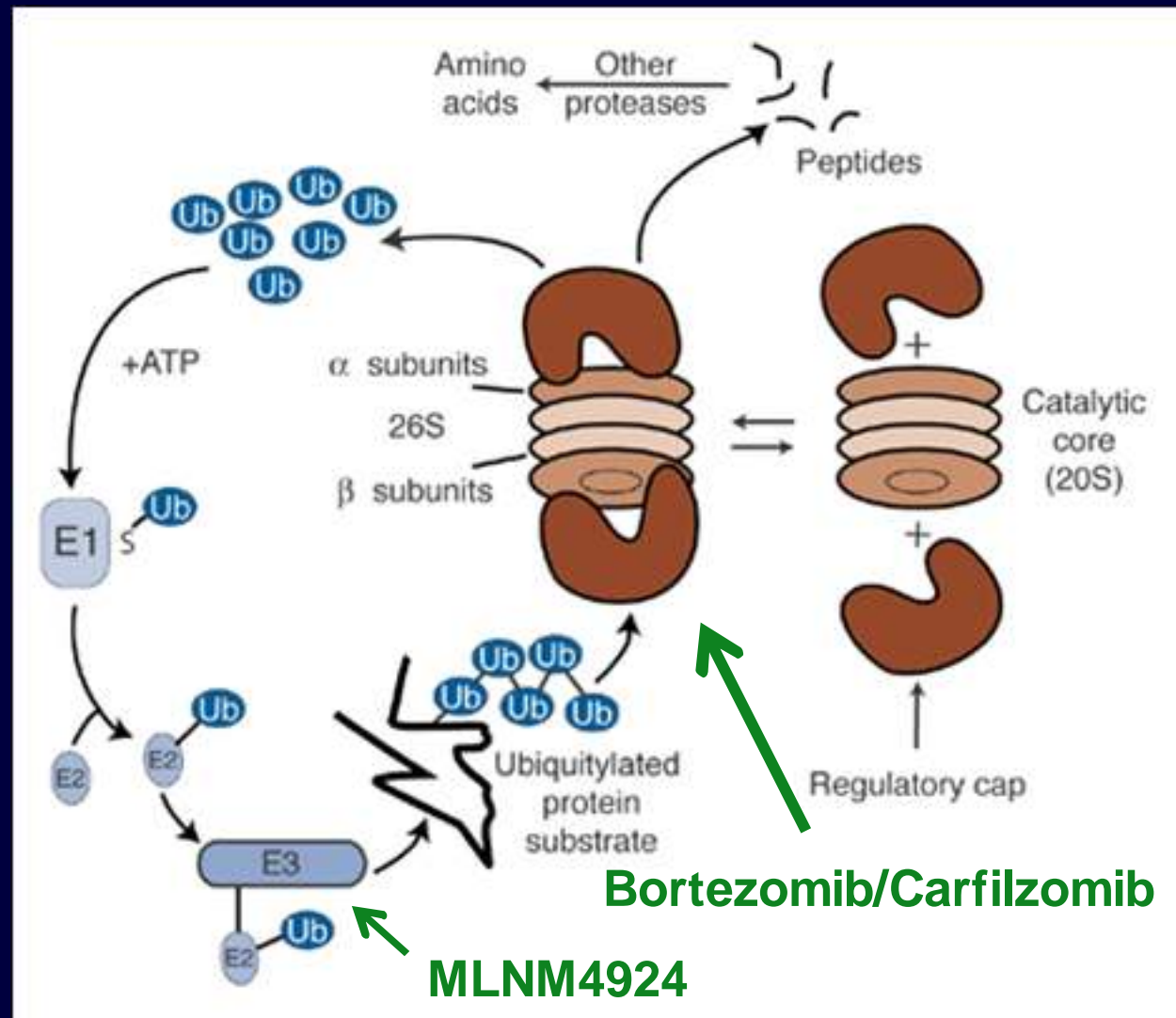


Time to Response



Rituximab IgM Flare

Proteasome: Cellular Recycling Plant



Neuropathy Data for Carfilzomib in MM (Pooled Data from 003/004 Studies)

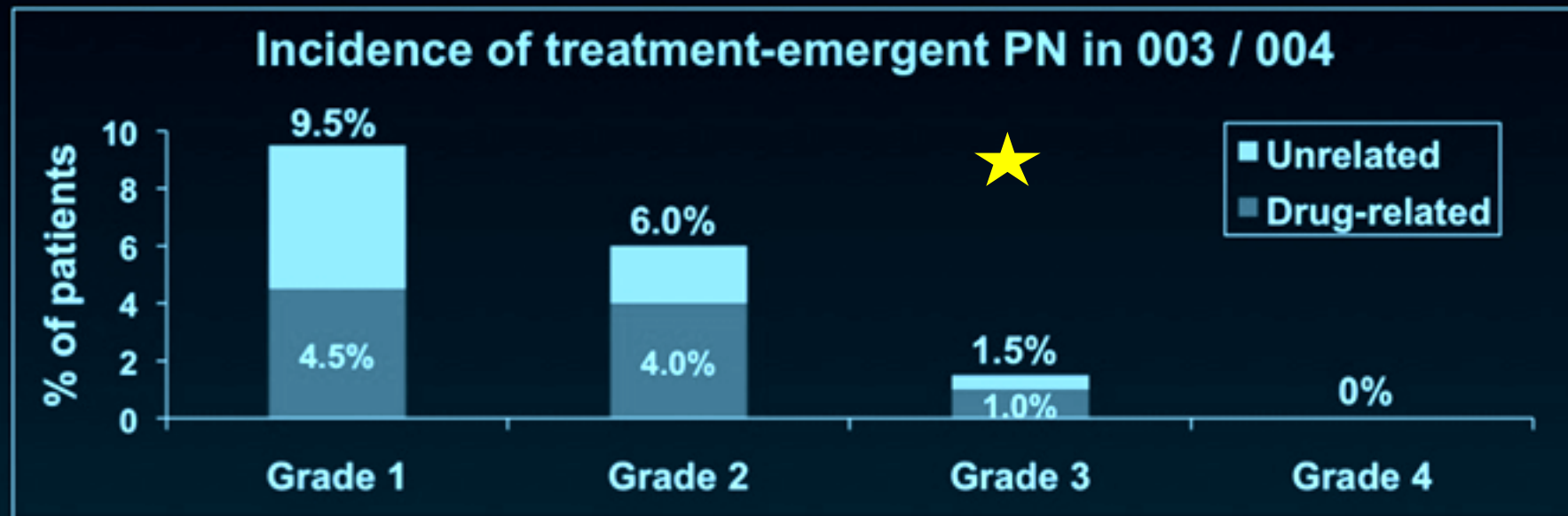
N=201

Prior history of neuropathy
Related to prior treatment

155 (78%)
122 (61%)

Neuropathy symptoms at baseline

109 (54%)



Only 1 patient had drug discontinued for PN (study 004; BTZ-treated arm)



Primary Therapy of WM with Carfilzomib, Rituximab, Dex (CARD)

Induction Cycle 1 q21 days

Days 1,2,8,9 Carfilzomib 20 mg/m² IV; Dexamethasone 20 mg IV.

Days 2,9 Rituximab 375 mg/m²



Induction Cycle 2-6 q21 days

Days 1,2,8,9 Carfilzomib 36 mg/m² IV; Dexamethasone 20 mg IV.

Days 2,9 Rituximab 375 mg/m²



2 months

Maintenance Cycles 1-8 q 2 months

Days 1,2 Carfilzomib 36 mg/m² IV; Dexamethasone 20 mg IV.

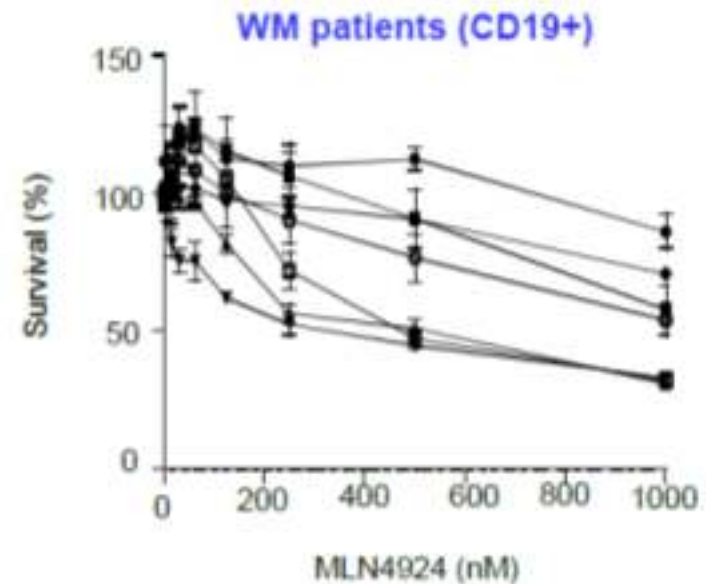
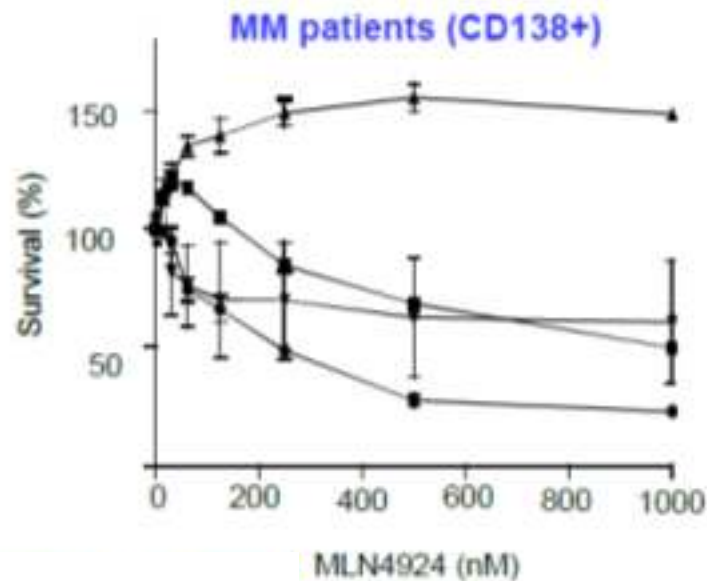
Days 2 Rituximab 375 mg/m²

MLN4924: preclinical studies

In vitro effects of MLN4924 against MM and WM

MLN4924 was active against primary MM and WM patient samples at sub-micromolar levels

- The majority of CD138+ MM pt samples were responsive to MLN4924 at doses <500 nM
- 50% of CD19+ WM pt samples were responsive at doses <500 nM





MLNM 4924 /Dexamethasone in Relapsed/Refractory WM

Induction Cycle 1 q21 days

Days 1,4,8,11 MLN 4924 20 mg/m² IV; Dexamethasone 20 mg IV.



Induction Cycle 2-6 q21 days

Days 1,4,8,11 MLN 4924 20 mg/m² IV; Dexamethasone 20 mg IV.



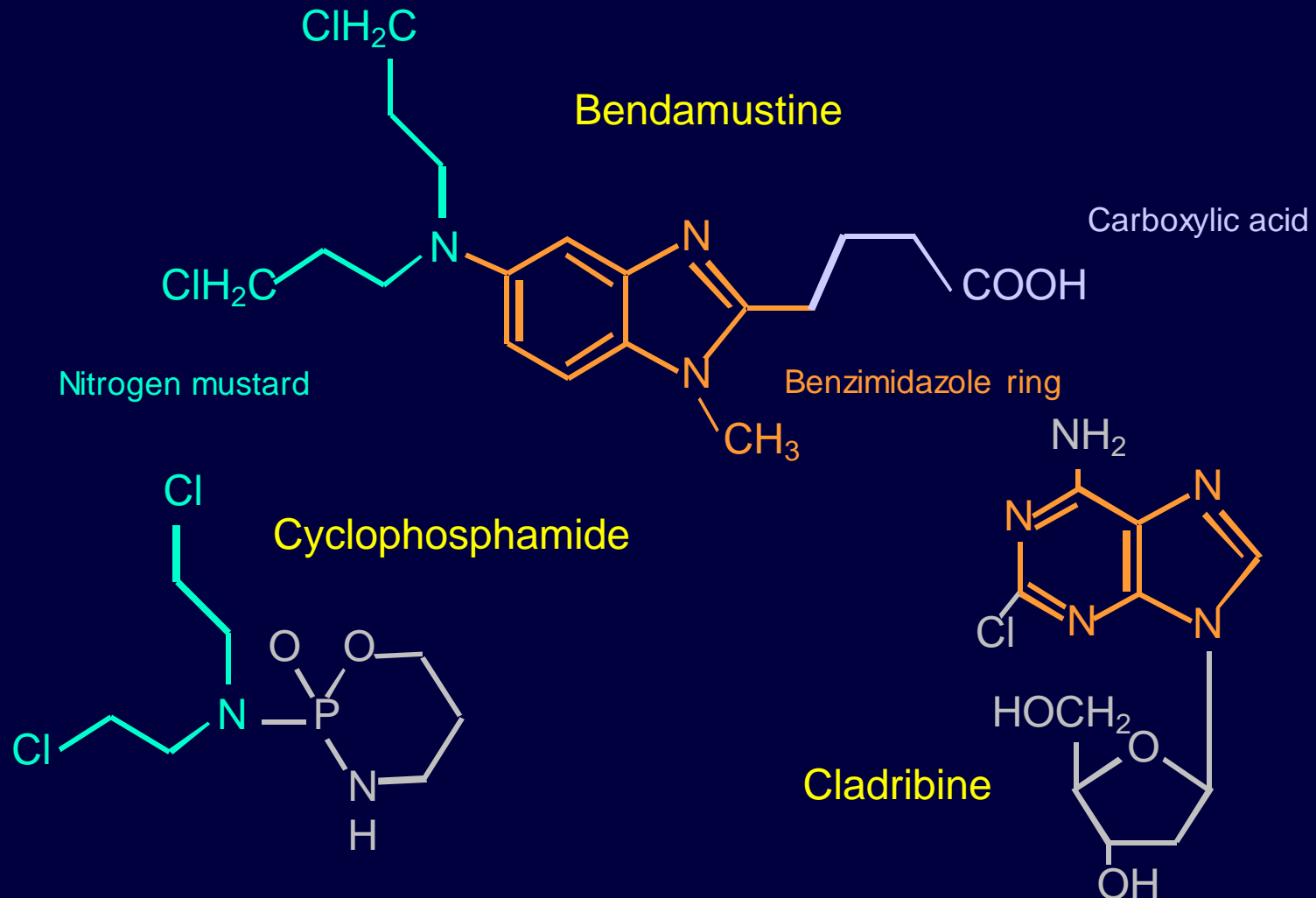
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Maintenance Cycles 1-6 q 2 months

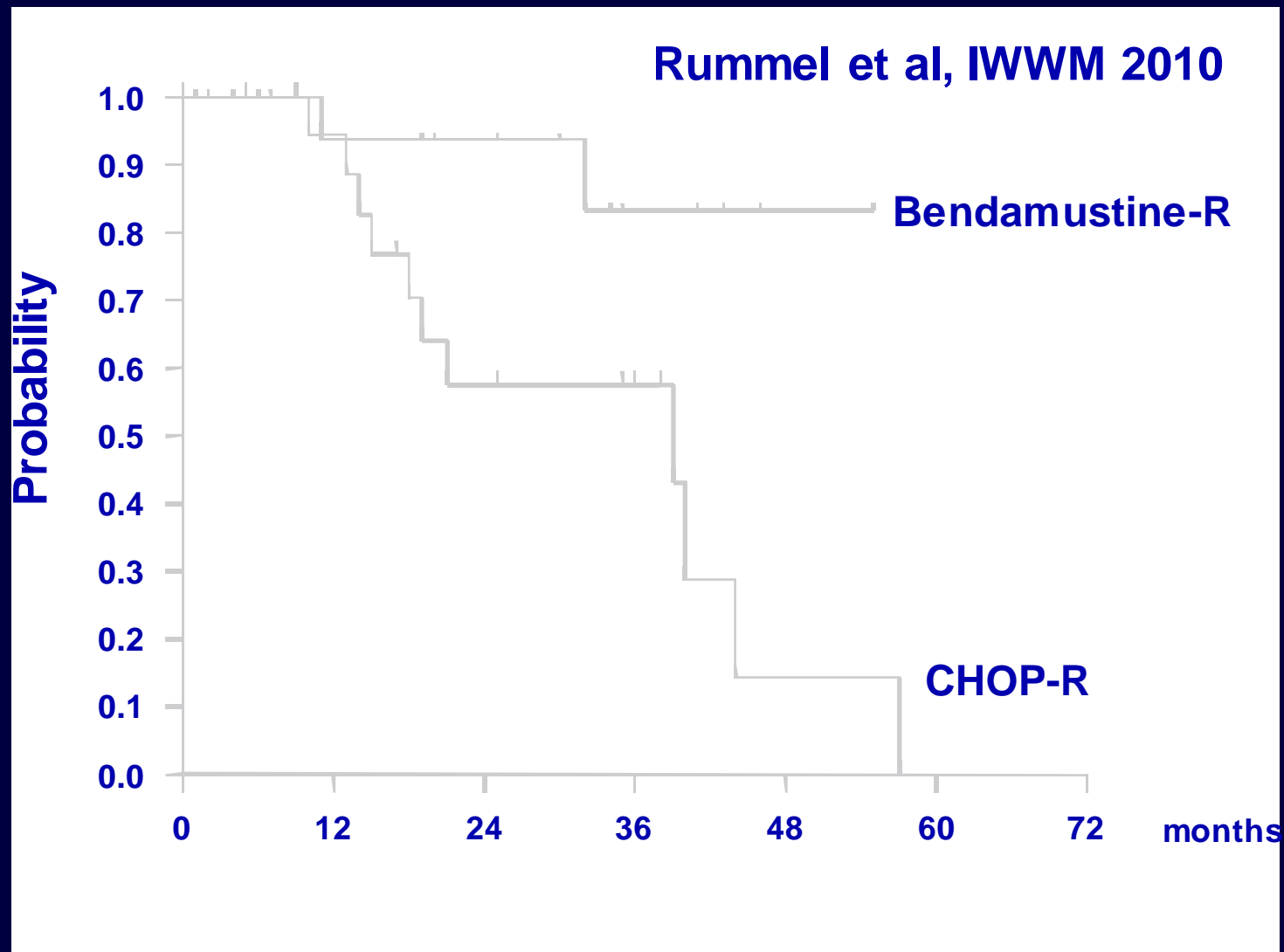
Days 1,4,8,11 MLN 4924 20 mg/m² IV; Dexamethasone 20 mg IV.



Bendamustine

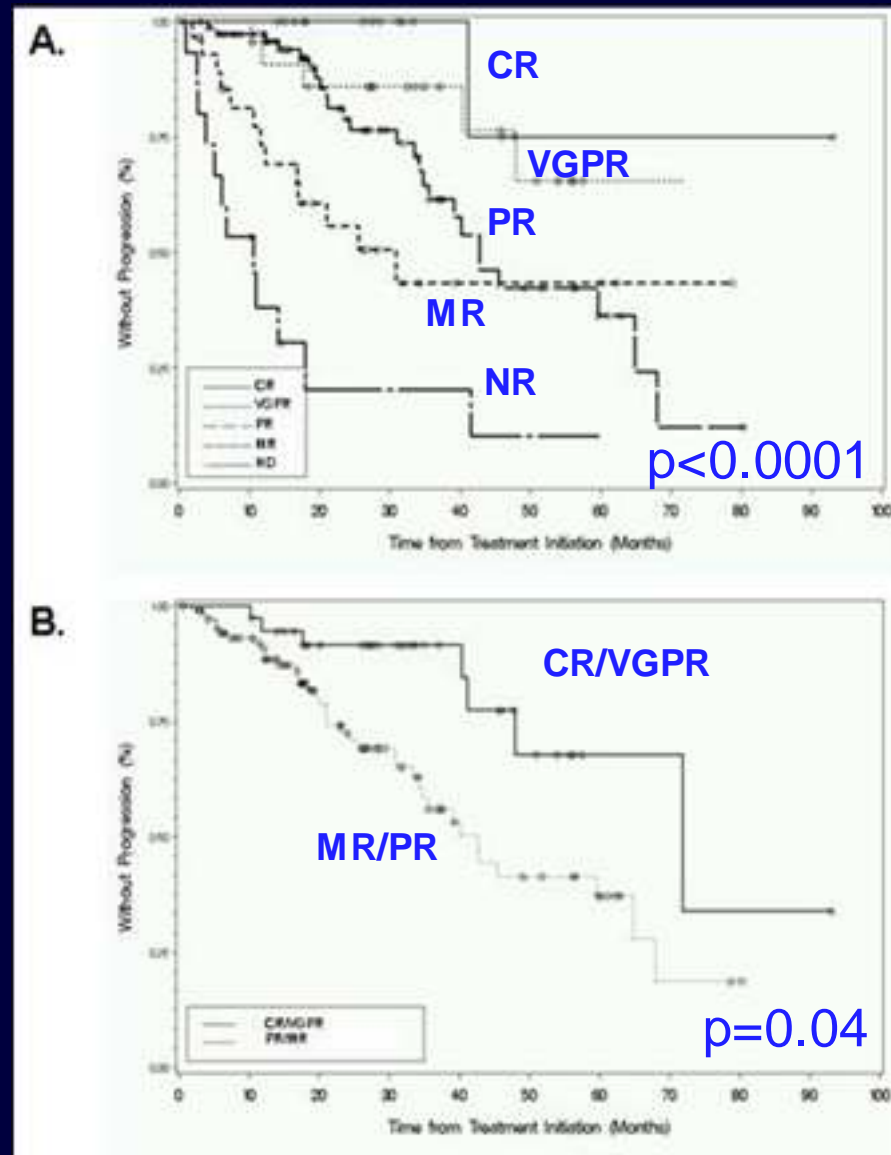


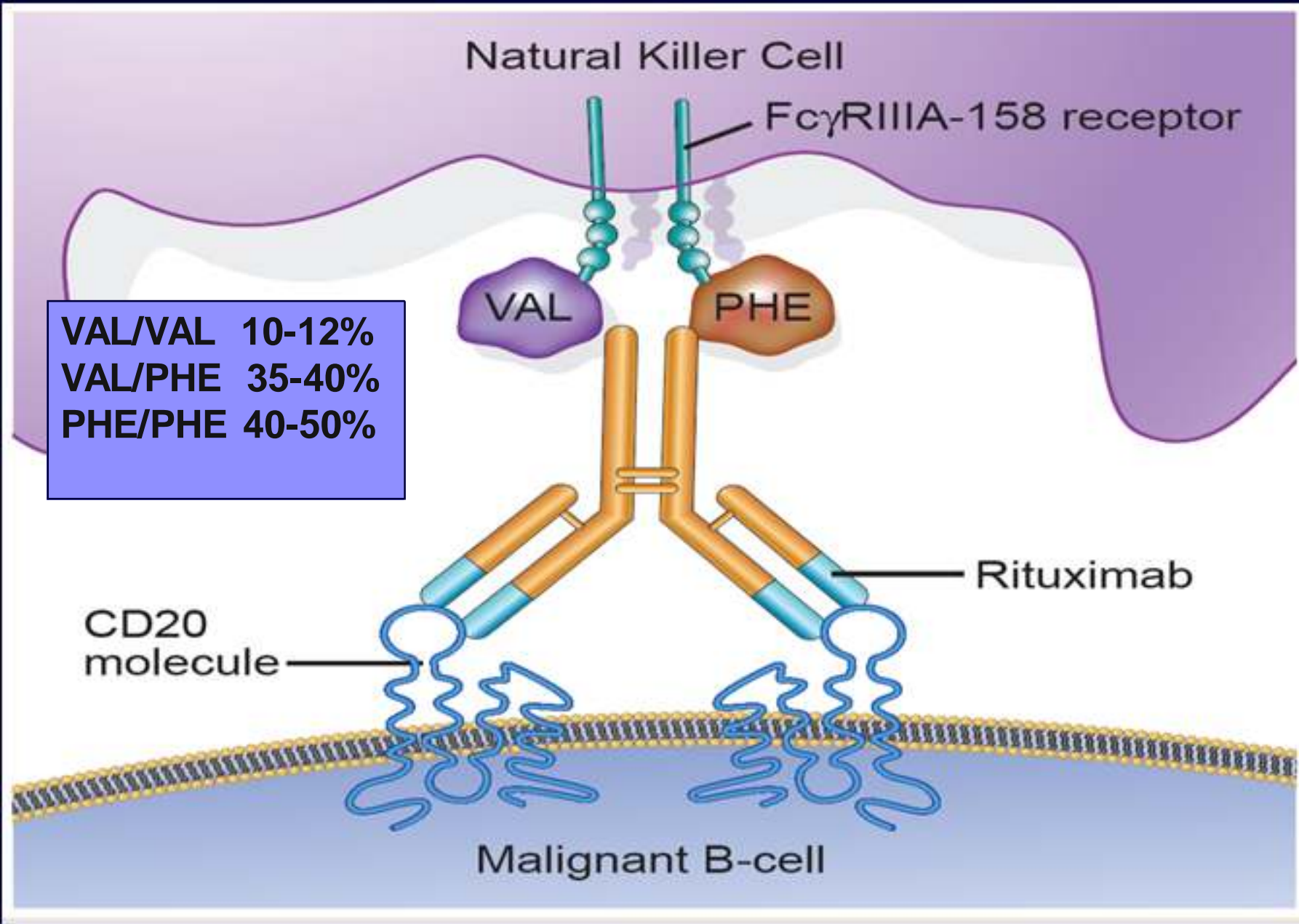
PFS: Benda-R vs CHOP-R in frontline WM



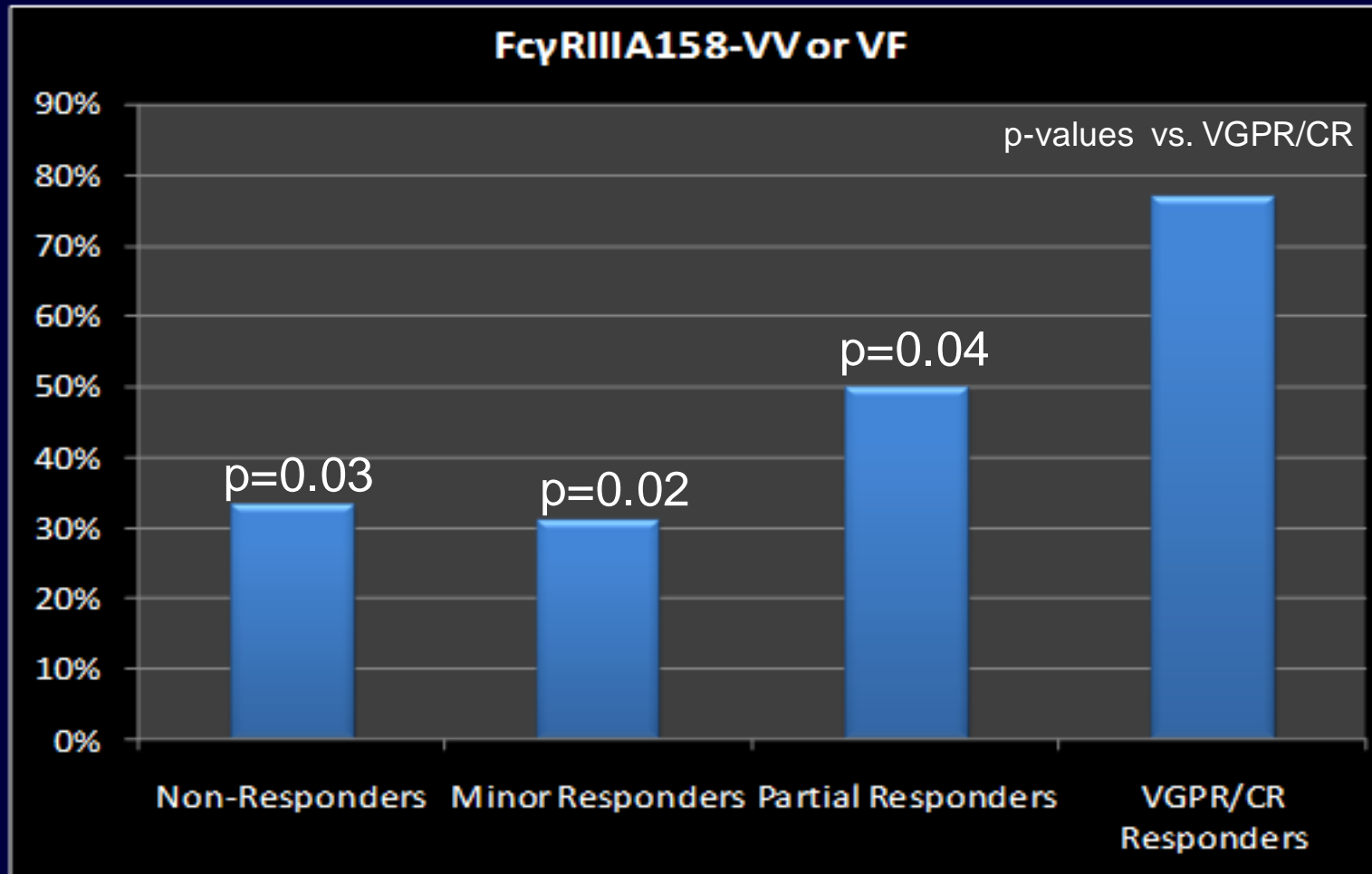
PFS in rituximab naïve WM pts treated with rituximab based therapy (n=159).

Response	Estimated PFS (mo.)
CR	>90
VGPR	>75
PR	42.6
MR	30.8
NR/SD	10.6

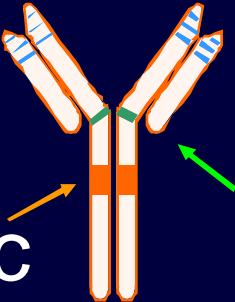




FcγRIIIA-158 polymorphisms predict response in WM



GA101: Novel Humanized CD20 MAB



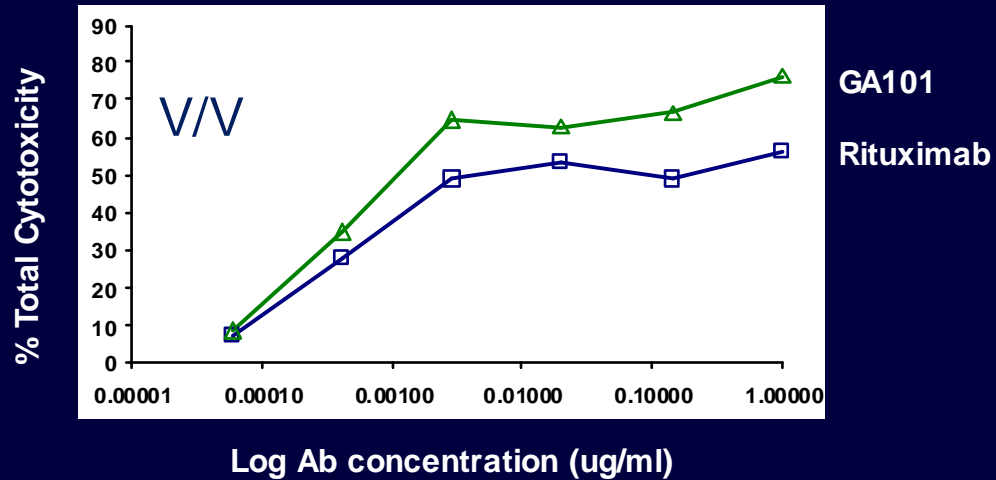
• Glycoengineered Fc domain
Enhanced ADCC effect

• Modified elbow hinge
Apoptosis induction

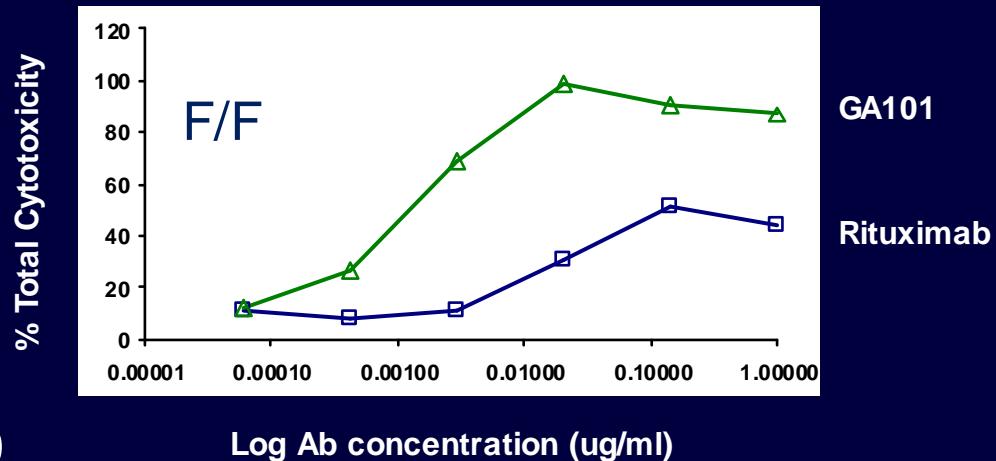
The diagram shows a Y-shaped antibody molecule with two arms. The lower stem is labeled 'Fc domain' with an orange arrow. The upper stem is labeled 'Modified elbow hinge' with a green arrow. The text 'Apoptosis induction' is written in yellow below the hinge label.

ADCC against WM cells for GA101 is greater among autologous NK cells genotyped for FCGR3A-158 F/F

WM patient
FcγRIIIA-158 V/V

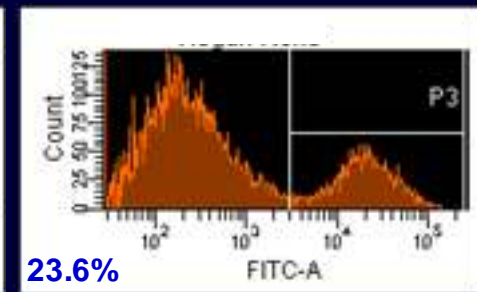
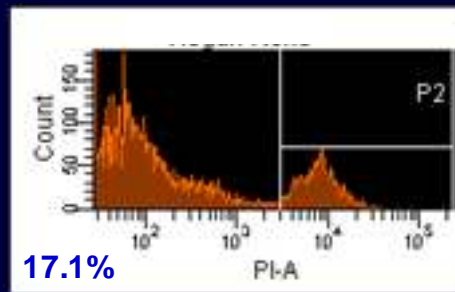
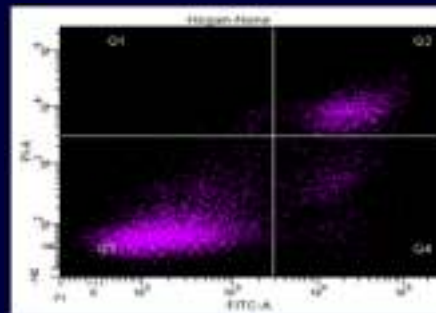


WM patient
FcγRIIIA-158 F/F

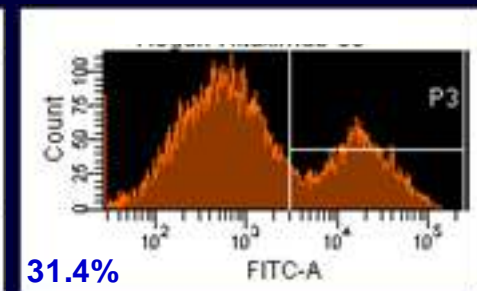
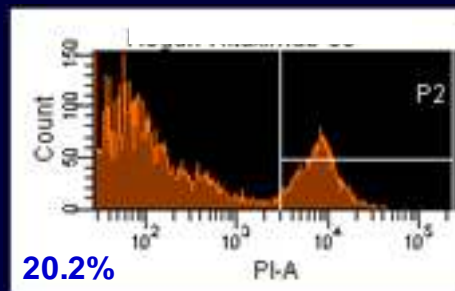
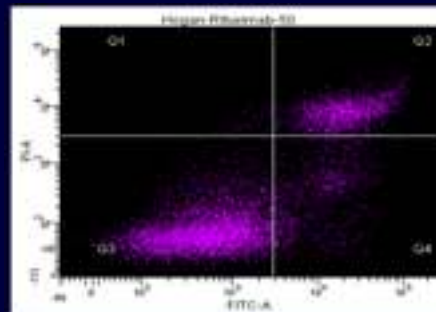


GA101 demonstrates greater direct killing vs. rituximab in BCWM.1 WM cells.

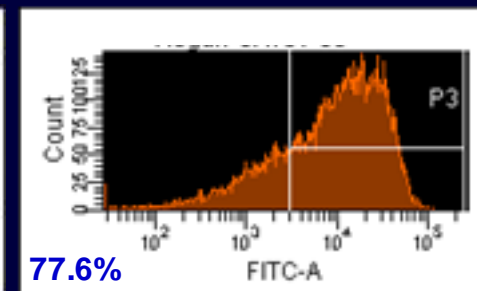
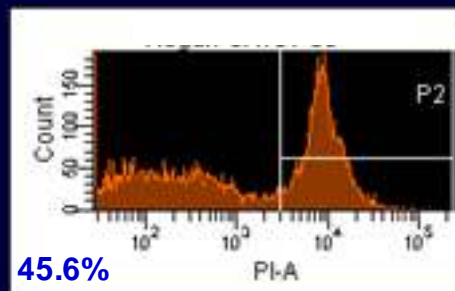
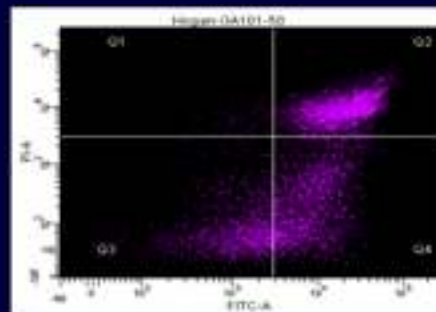
Untreated



Rituximab



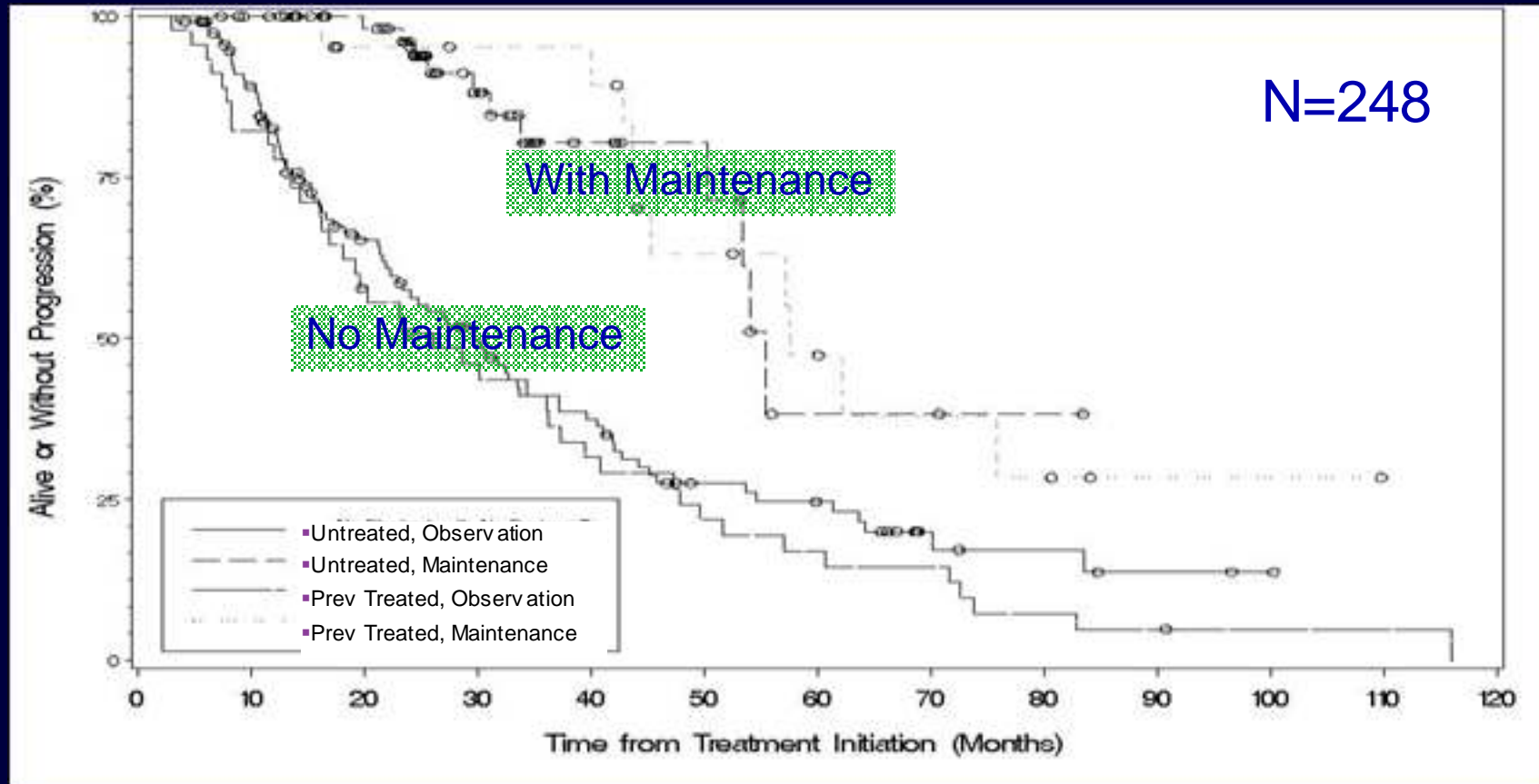
GA101



To Maintain or Not to Maintain?



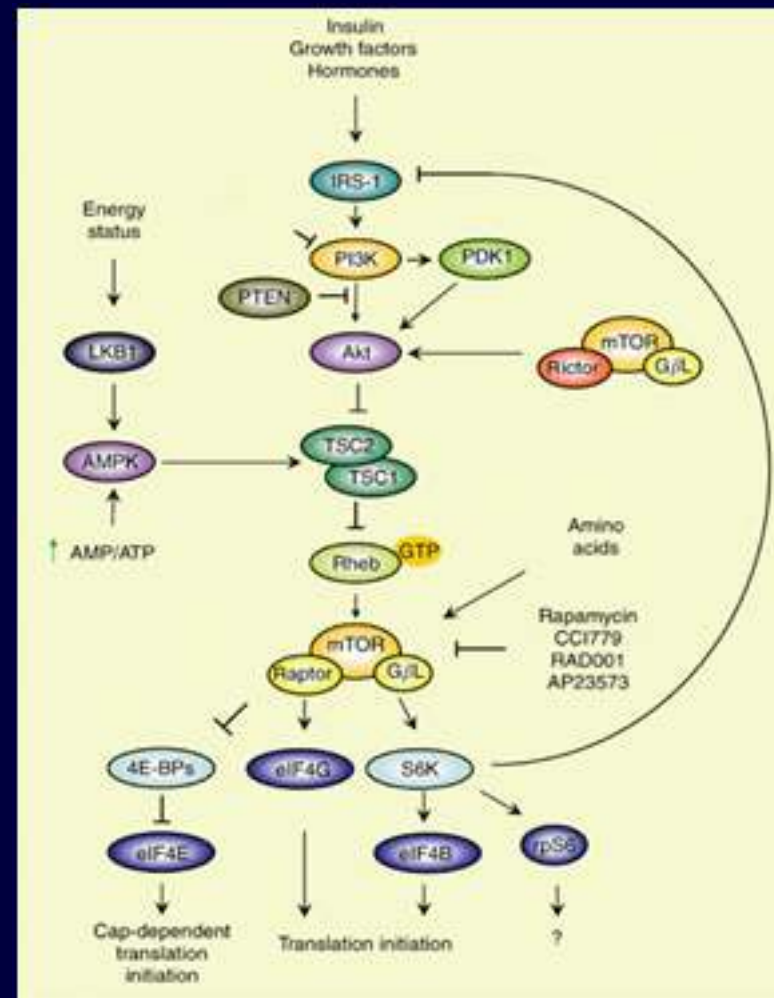
PFS in rituximab naïve WM patients who underwent observation or maintenance rituximab therapy.



	Observation	Maintenance	p=
Untreated (Median PFS)	29.6 months	54.6 months	0.0001
Prev Treated (Median PFS)	25.6 months	56.7 months	0.0001

RAD001 in Relapsed/Refractory WM

- N = 50 (DFCI and Mayo)
- 10 mg QD
 - Reduce to 5 mg for AE
- Median prior therapies: 3
- Median IgM: 3330 mg/dL
- ORR: 72%
- Median response:
NR (3-22+ mos)
- **Grade ≥ 3 thrombocytopenia, pneumonitis, mucositis, and hyperglycemia.**

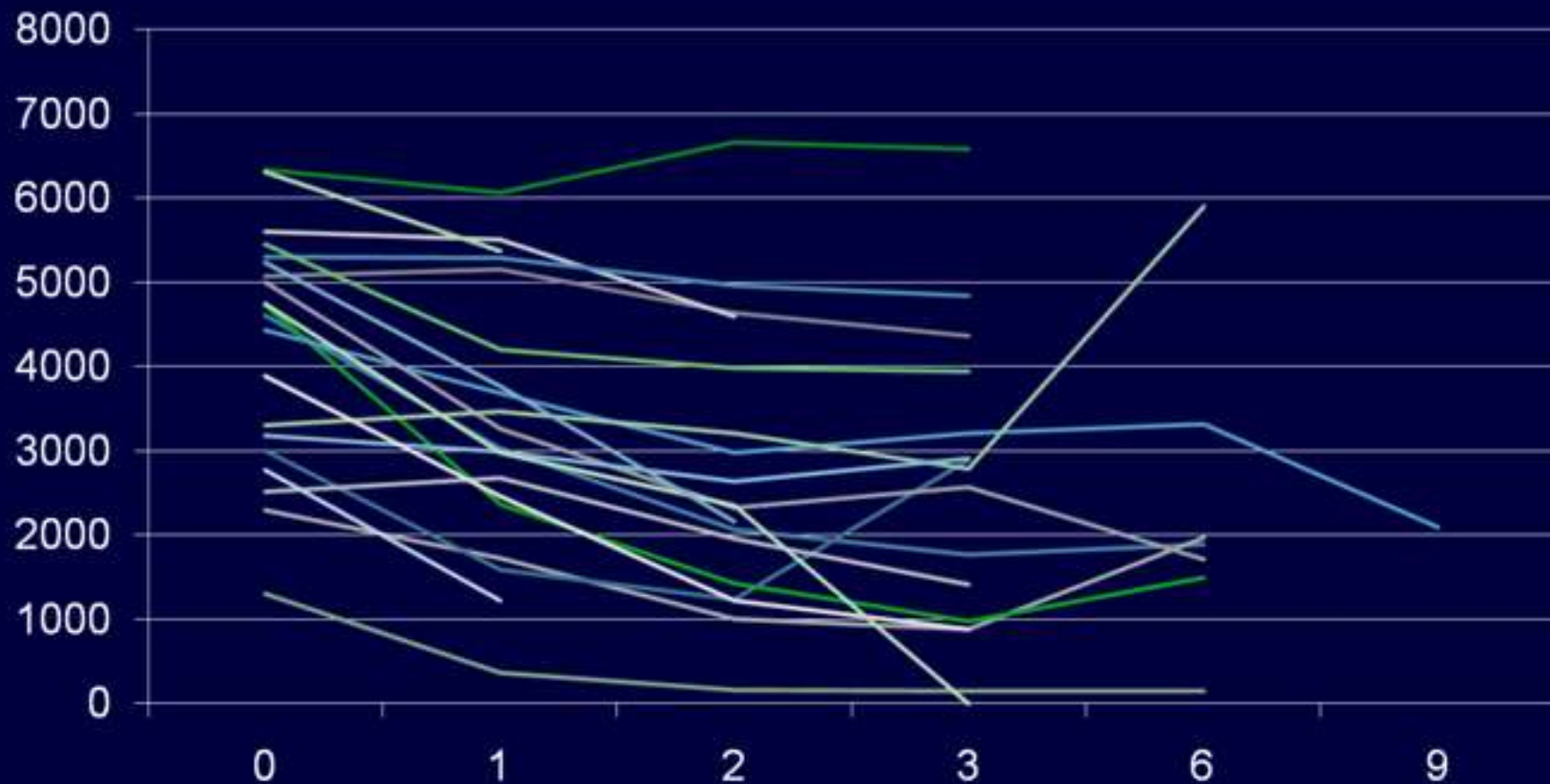




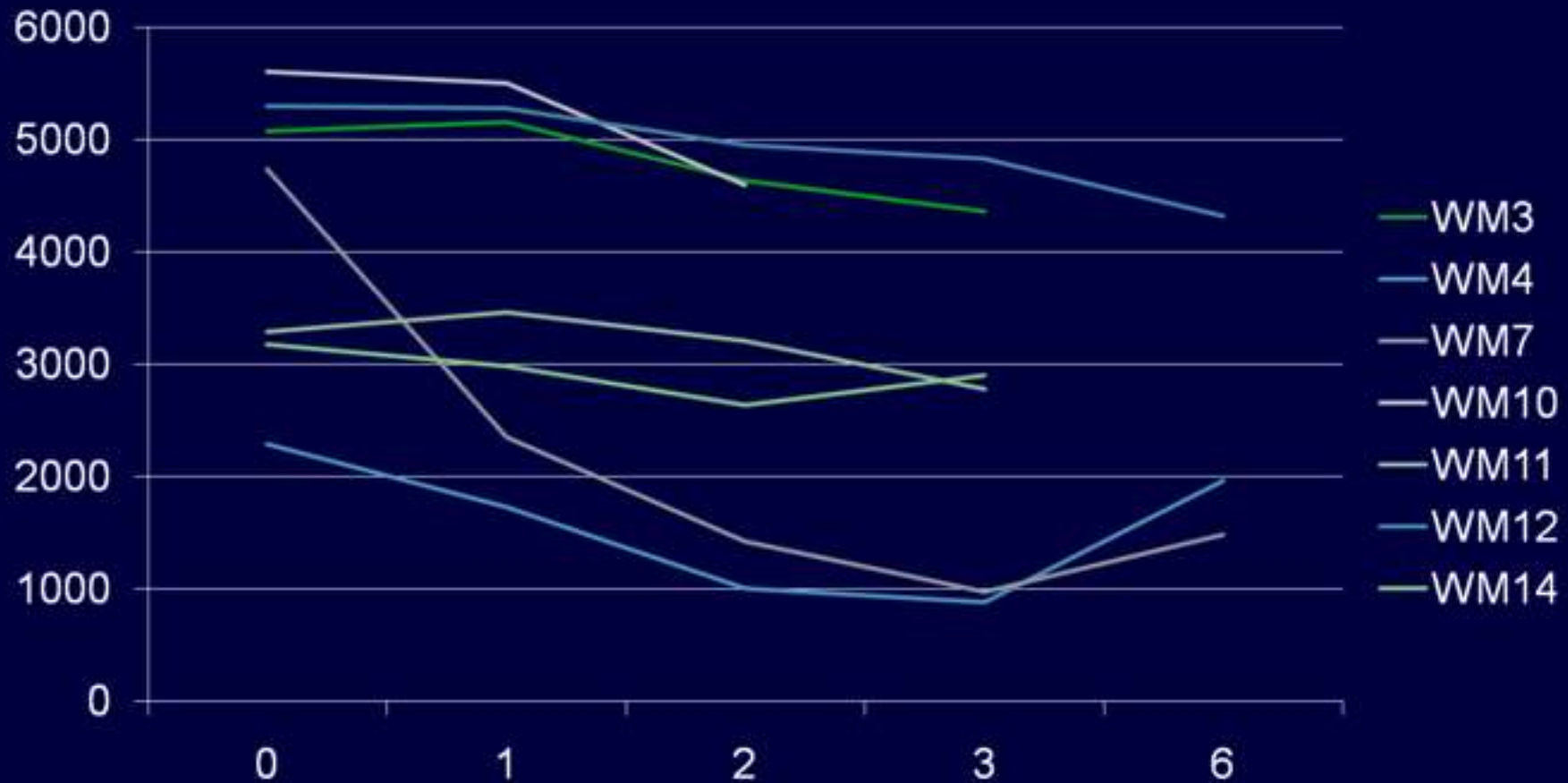
RAD001 for Primary Therapy of WM

- N = 60
- Eligibility: symptomatic, untreated WM
- Dose: 10 mg QD
 - Reduction to 7.5, 5.0 mg for AE
- Duration: 4 yrs to progression
- Primary endpoints: safety, ORR, and 2- and 4-yr PFS

IgM changes following RAD001 in untreated WM patients.



IgM discordance to WM BM disease involvement is common with RAD001

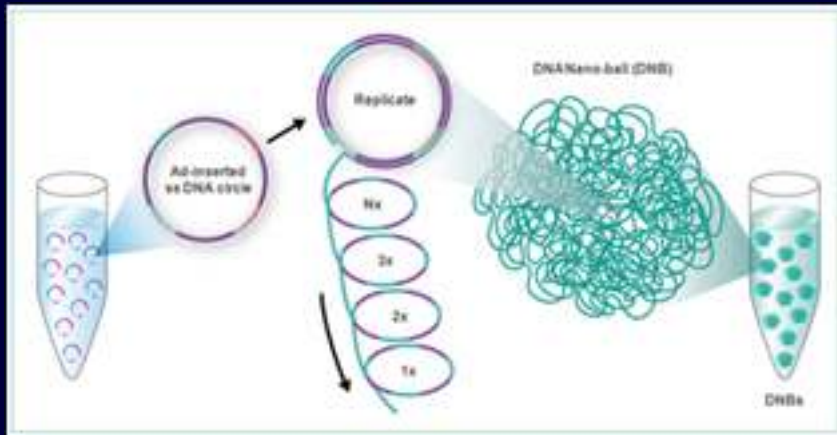


7 non-responders by serial BM biopsies despite reductions in sIgM.

Summary

- Familial disease predisposition is common in WM and effects treatment outcome.
- Bendamustine, Bortezomib Cyclophosphamide, and Thalidomide based rituximab therapies are active and can be considered in the upfront treatment of WM.
- Use of nucleoside analogues should be carefully considered due to potential long-term consequences.
- Better categorical responses are associated with improved progression free survival in rituximab naïve WM patients receiving rituximab based therapy, and reflect FCGR3A polymorphisms.
- IgM discordance is common with RAD001, and BMBx are important for serial response assessment.

Whole Genome Sequencing of WM Patients



- First 30 WM patients completed with tumor/normal pairing. Sporadic and Familial patients included
- Deep sequencing (i.e. > 60 X average coverage used).
- ***Growth activating somatic mutation identified in 90% of WM patients, vs. 0% of MM patients. Targetable for therapy!!***

“Medicine is not only a science; it is also an art. It does not consist of compounding pills and plasters; it deals with the very processes of life, which must be understood before they may be guided.”



Phillipus Aureolus Paracelsus

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